

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

Gregory S. MENDOLIA

Application No.: 08/880,648

Filed: June 23, 1997

For: ACOUSTIC PIPE FOR FLIP STYLE  
CELLULAR TELEPHONES



Group Art Unit: 2744

Examiner: C. Craver

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**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ statement(s) claiming small entity status  
☐ are also enclosed ☐ were submitted previously.

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)  
(146/246) is also enclosed.

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	13	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$18.00 (103) =	0
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$78.00 (102) =	0
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00 (104)					0
Total Amendment Fee					0
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- ☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.  
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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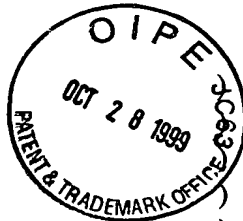
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 28, 1999, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,832,079 to *Rabe*. However, for the reasons stated below, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the arguments and conclusions of the Examiner, and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

As defined in the claims and disclosed in the specification, the present invention pertains to a flip style cellular telephone. The telephone includes a main housing, a flip pivotally mounted to the main housing by a hinge which has a free end remote from the hinge, and an acoustic pipe entirely extending along a peripheral edge of the flip from the